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don't...I don't think it's anything that none of them could do. So, I...it isn't intended to affect the existing ones. If they have to go through some additional training, that doesn't bother me, because I think anybody that's on there ought to have this generalized level of knowledge.

SENATOR JONES: Well, thank you. And another question is I've been getting a lot of complaints about, you know, how that they...assessors and then past the TERC board, and then it goes back to the commissioners and different things. Is this going to solve some of that problem that we've been having the last few years on how they actually come with the land valuations?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I don't know, Senator. How a system works is always dependent on the people that are in it and the issues that are brought within the...within the system. This...the TERC is now five years old, I believe. There's going to be another bill that will be brought to you later that also suggests some additional changes in TERC. I would characterize the kinds of issues that we're bringing up now as kind of a midcourse correction, if you will. And that's...that's part of issue with the change in the statewide equalization plan, for example. We, the Revenue Committee, over the summer, held hearing ... held a hearing on TERC. We were trying to hear from people how...what they saw about the issues and the problems. So we're hoping that we make things better. I guess I can't give you any guarantee that we'll make things better. thought we were making things better when we initiated TERC. And, in fact, my opinion is that we did make things better, although again there are people that disagree with me, but I think we did make things better, and I hope that these changes would continue to make things better.

SENATOR JONES: Well, thank you. What is the other bill number that's coming along? Will we hear that this year then too?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: LB 465.

SENATOR JONES: Okay, thank you. Well, I'll wait and hear that too. But I think Senator Wickersham knows what I'm talking about, about the complaints on every issue trying to set this